MRTP PROBE AGAINST WOCKHARDT AND M/S. LYKA

3051. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Business Standard of 18th November, 1993 regarding MRTP probe against Wockhardt and M|s. Lyka;

(b) whether the probe is against the exceptionally high prices being charged by the company;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry are monitoring the prices; and

(d) what are the names of formulations of these companies where the prices have been increased during the last three years, and what is the percentage increase in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Preliminary investigation has been undertaken by the MRTP Commission on the unjustified cost charged by the company M|s. Lyka Labs, in respect of a medicine marketed by them.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Large number of formulations are marketed by both the companies. Revision of prices of formulations under price control is done in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

FORMULATIONS OF M/S. U. S. VITAMINS

3052. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 400 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1993 and state :

(a) whether details of formulations marketed by M|s. U.S. Vitamins without price approval have since been collected;

(b) if so, what are the names of these formulations and since when they are being marketed without price approval;

(c) whether it is a fact that this company is marketing a number of formulations produced by others;

(d) if so, what are the names of such formulations and the units producing them; and

(e) what is their association with this company and also whether funds are being unauthorisedly siphoned off from this company, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDURADO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) On crossing the investment limits prescribed for small scale sector, the company has applied for price approvals for formulations marketed by them.

(c) No such instance has been reported to or has come to the notice of the Ministry.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.